



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

10:45 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

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The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin and Hoadley.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Jacobsen** moved to adopt the minutes from the **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Lyons** laid **HJR TT** before the committee:

HJR TT	(Barrett)	Legislature; other; constitutional amendment imposing term limits on members of congress; petition congress to call a convention.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Barrett**, sponsor of HJR TT, explained his joint resolution to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Nick Tomboulides**, representing U.S. Term Limits, testified in support of the joint resolution.

Questions and discussion followed.

**William Ballenger**, a former Michigan legislator, testified in support and opposition to the joint resolution.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Scott Tillman**, representing the Liberty Initiative Fund, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the joint resolution.

**Owen Rottschaefer**, representing himself, testified in support of the joint resolution.

**David Guldenschuh**, representing U.S. Term Limits, testified and submitted a handout in support of the joint resolution.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Colonel Frank Brooks**, representing the Convention of States (COS), testified in support of the joint resolution.

*The following people submitted a card in support of the joint resolution but did not wish to speak:*

Leland Prebble representing himself.  
Bonnie Burke representing herself.  
Rina Sala-Baker representing herself.  
Don Regan representing the (COS).  
Terrance Duffy representing himself.  
Frank Venuto representing U.S. Term Limits.  
Jean Grabowski representing herself.  
Daniel Nichols representing himself.  
Kristan Nichols representing herself.

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, opposes the joint resolution.  
Harold Ruder, representing the (COS), did not indicate a position on the joint resolution.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

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**Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Elections**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
1 Hour and 21 Minutes